



# Archdiocese of Miami

# PASTORAL BULLETIN

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## OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

### Requiescat in pace:

† **Sister John Norton**, longtime principal of St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale, died Feb. 7 at the age of 98, after 74 years in religious life.

† **Father Restituto Perez, O.P.**, 89, died Feb. 13. He was born in Spain on May 29, 1933, and was ordained priest on June 4, 1960, for the Dominican Order. He spent his entire time in South Florida serving at St. Dominic Parish in Miami: first as pastor (1983-1986), then as parochial vicar (1986-1989) and again until his retirement (1991-2000). He was still in residence with the Dominican community at St. Dominic.

† **Marta Lidia Huembes**, mother of Father Elvis Gonzalez, died recently. The wake service will be Monday, March 13 at 11 a.m., followed by the funeral Mass at 1 p.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church and School, 2987 W. Flagler Street, Miami.

### Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointment:

#### Effective Feb. 14, 2023

- **Fr. Edivaldo Da Silva Oliveira**, full-time Chaplain to Archbishop Edward McCarthy High School and in residence at St. David Parish

### St. Patrick's Day Dispensation

March 17<sup>th</sup> is observed by many as St. Patrick's Day. This year, March 17 falls on a Friday of Lent, a day of fasting and abstinence. Many have asked for a dispensation from the obligation for fasting and abstinence in order to celebrate this Saint who is the Patron Saint of Ireland and Nigeria. As Archbishop of Miami, I grant the dispensation to anyone who wishes to observe the Saint's Day with a meal that includes meat but, at the same time, I encourage those who will avail themselves of this dispensation to consider substituting on that day the Lent Friday Fast and abstinence with another suitable penance, work of charity, or prayer.

## OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI (CONTINUED)

### **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

**Pastors: Please announce the following from the pulpit and in your bulletins:**

Pope Francis has asked our archdiocese to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and religious education. It also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth. The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the children of God still living in this land and to maintain a Christian presence where Christ was born. When you contribute to this collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org) or [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org).

### **Priest retreats:**

**May 15 – 19, 2023, Preacher: Bishop Felipe Estevez**

**Theme: *Meditations on the Gospel of St John***

A Church Father called the fourth Gospel “the spiritual Gospel”. Participants will be enriched by a deeper gaze of some of the stories unique to this Gospel drawing pastoral implications.

### **Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola**

The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola will be offered at the Joseph and Mary Retreat House in Mundelein, IL from July 2 to August 4, 2023.

A team of trained spiritual directors, under the leadership of Fr. John Horn, SJ and Dr. Carol Razza, offer the 30-day, 8-day, 5-day, and 3-day forms of the Spiritual Exercises. The program is co-sponsored by Jesus Youth and Amoris Christi.

During the retreat, participants experience God’s invitations to be loved, reconciled and called to live in companionship with Jesus’ Spirit. The Spiritual Exercises are a type of map for the human heart to follow in prayerful meditation and contemplation.

## OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI (CONTINUED)

### **Retreats, Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, continued:**

The cost for the 30-day retreat is \$3,400 and includes all materials and stipend for spiritual direction. The 3, 5 and 8 day retreats cost \$110 per day. Preference for admission to the 30-day retreat is given to bishops, seminary formators, vocation directors, priests, deacons and their wives, religious and lay leaders involved in spiritual formation and evangelization.

Prerequisites include having made two week-long silent directed retreats or the equivalent. Silent conference retreats without daily individual spiritual direction or quiet time spent in a monastic setting for days of personal retreat do not fulfill the prerequisites. Exceptions to these prerequisites can be discussed if there seems to be an equivalent spiritual preparation through intensive spiritual formation programs and/or life experience. A telephone interview is required. During this interview daily habits of prayer and the regularity of spiritual direction are discussed as well as one's personal experience of God's love.

For application for the 30-day retreat, contact Fr. John Horn, S.J. at 561-374-2268 or [jhorn@svdp.edu](mailto:jhorn@svdp.edu). For application for the 3, 5, and 8 day retreats, contact Fr. Thomas Pulickal at [frthomas@jesusyouth.us](mailto:frthomas@jesusyouth.us)

### **Fraud Alert:**

The Archdiocese of Miami has been made aware of a couple providing false information at a number of parishes in order to receive donations. If you become aware of a scam like this, please alert local authorities.

### **America Needs Fatima Announcement:**

The Archdiocese of Miami fully supports the message of the Blessed Virgin Mary from Fatima and strongly promotes devotion to the Holy Rosary.

However, the Archdiocese of Miami does not endorse nor allows the group called America Needs Fatima to solicit within the Archdiocese of Miami. This decision was made based on their apparently very aggressive fundraising and marketing strategies. Moreover, this group never requested the Archbishop's permission to exercise this "prayer ministry" within the Archdiocese of Miami. Finally, there are many complaints against the group posted online.

## OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI (CONTINUED)

### **America Needs Fatima Announcement (continued):**

We encourage the parishioners to follow the message of Fatima and to pray the Rosary daily. If so desired, please consider other Marian organizations like the Legion of Mary (<https://www.legionofmary.ie>), the Blue Army (<https://www.bluearmy.com>), or others approved by the Archdiocese.

La Arquidiócesis de Miami apoya plenamente el mensaje de la Santísima Virgen María de Fátima y promueve firmemente la devoción al Santo Rosario.

Sin embargo, la Arquidiócesis de Miami no respalda ni permite que el grupo llamado America Needs Fatima solicite dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Miami. Esta decisión se basa en sus estrategias de recaudación de fondos y de marketing, aparentemente muy agresivas. Además, este grupo nunca solicitó el permiso del Arzobispo para ejercer este "ministerio de oración" dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Miami. Por último, hay muchas quejas contra el grupo publicadas en Internet.

Animamos a los feligreses a seguir el mensaje de Fátima y a rezar el Rosario diariamente. Si lo desean, por favor consideren otras organizaciones marianas como la Legión de María (<https://www.legionofmary.ie>), el Blue Army (<https://www.bluearmy.com>), u otras aprobadas por la Arquidiócesis.

## OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION

Monsignors / Fathers:

This serves as a reminder that the **2023 March Mass Attendance Census** started Sat.-Sun., March 4-5, and will conclude Sat.-Sun., March 25-26. **Please remember to count the number of penitents during these four weekends.** The deadline to return the count electronically is **Monday, April 24.** We are extending one extra week due to the Easter Sunday weekend. Thank you, in advance, for timely reporting – by electronic upload – of the data. If your staff person responsible for uploading data is not familiar with the process, they may contact Mayra Rossell in the Chancellors' Office at 305-762-1220 or [mrossell@theadom.org](mailto:mrossell@theadom.org). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR FOR CANONICAL AFFAIRS

Please add to your email distribution lists the general address of Saint Padre Pio Friary:

St. Padre Pio Friary  
2411 NW 3rd Street  
Miami, FL 33125  
305-541-2767

[stpiofriary19@gmail.com](mailto:stpiofriary19@gmail.com)

Website: [www.capuchinfriars.org](http://www.capuchinfriars.org)

## OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

### **Safe Environment policy update**

All those seeking employment or volunteer opportunities can complete Virtus training online which must be completed prior to employment/volunteer/vendor positions begin.

Online training can be accessed 24/7. Both fingerprinting and the initial Virtus training session must be completed (and for fingerprinting the results must be received) prior to serving as an employee, vendor, or volunteer. New hires may take the online training during their first day as part of their orientation. Any other scenario requires the training to be completed prior to working or volunteering.

You can verify participants' status through your location's Virtus User Reports (accessible by your Local Coordinator) or by having the participant turn in their Training Report.

### **Virtus Training Online**

You may register for the initial Virtus training session at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

### **Registration Instructions:**

**For English:** Click [here](#)

**Para Español:** Oprima [aquí](#)

Once the initial training is complete, your account will be automatically activated. Continuing training is in the form of online monthly bulletins. For more information, contact Jan Rayburn at [jrayburn@theadom.org](mailto:jrayburn@theadom.org)

## OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CONTINUED)

### **Virtus Emails**

To help ensure VIRTUS Online messages are delivered properly to your Inbox (not spam or junk folders) -- please add [system@pub.virtus.org](mailto:system@pub.virtus.org) -- to your Address Book and/or Safe List. If you follow these directions (adding [system@pub.virtus.org](mailto:system@pub.virtus.org) to your Address Book and/or Safe List), but reminders default to your **spam** folder -- or you do not receive your reminders at all -- we recommend that you check directly with your email provider to see if they are blocking or otherwise affecting delivery of email communications from VIRTUS Online ([system@pub.virtus.org](mailto:system@pub.virtus.org)) to your email account.

## OFFICE OF DETENTION MINISTRY

### **Volunteers Needed**

The Office of Detention Ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami is looking for priests and lay volunteers for one of the 30 correctional facilities in Miami-Dade. For more information, please email Deacon Edgardo Farias at [efarias@theadom.org](mailto:efarias@theadom.org).

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program** is looking for adults to become foster parents to refugee minors. The requirements to be a foster parent include:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Be able to provide adequate bedroom space and a separate bed for each foster child
- Have reliable transportation
- Be willing to participate in a 30-hour free training
- Be prepared for adults in your household to undergo complete background checks
- Be able to meet basic resources to support the household.

Catholic Charities provides 24-hour case management, monthly stipend to help with the care of the refugee minor or youth, continuing education and more. For more information, call 305-883-3383 or visit [www.ccadm.org](http://www.ccadm.org)

## OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

### **Fully Engaged Training for Mentor Couples**

Fully Engaged Pre-Marital & Convalidation Inventories are offering New Facilitator Webinar Trainings via ZOOM (ONLINE).

The following options are available in **English:**

- Saturday, March 18, 2023 - 10am - 4pm
- Thursday, May 4 & 11, 2023 - 7pm - 9:30pm
- Saturday, August 5, 2023 - 10am - 4pm
- Thursday, October 5 & 12, 2023 - 7pm - 9:30pm
- Saturday, December 2, 2023 - 10am-4pm

The following options are available in **Spanish:**

- Sábado, 1 de Abril 2023 - 10am - 4pm EDT
- Sábado, 3 de Junio 2023 - 10am - 4pm EDT
- Sábado, 16 de Septiembre 2023 - 10am - 4pm EDT
- Sábado, 4 de Noviembre 2023 - 10am - 4pm EDT

Please register at least 10 days prior to the class. To register please click on the following link <https://getfullyengaged.com/new-mentor-training/> or email Jill at [jill.svihel@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:jill.svihel@gw.stcdio.org) or call (320) 258-7611.

### **Retrouvaille Weekend for Couples**

Retrouvaille is for couples who need or want to rekindle and strengthen their marriage or get it back on track. It is also for couples who may be cold and distant, and believe that there is no hope for their marriage. The program helps couples that are struggling in their marriage, even those who are considering marriage separation or who are already separated or divorced. We welcome couples of ALL ages, regardless of how long they have been married, or have been in trouble. Retrouvaille has helped heal tens of thousands of marriages worldwide. The next events will be June 9 in English and Sept. 8 in Spanish. For more information, contact the Registration Team at 305-915-4607, email [miami@retrouvaille.org](mailto:miami@retrouvaille.org) or visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)

## OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE (CONTINUED)

**Transformed in Love** is a marriage preparation program which uses a house-building metaphor to illustrate the concepts of establishing and nurturing marriage and family life. It includes many topics that contribute to building a marriage for a lifetime.

Please note that couples must attend both sessions to receive their certificate. Remember to **inform your Priest** in advance that you are attending the “Transformed in Love Group Marriage Preparation Program.”

- Saturday, March 18 & Sunday, March 19 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) in **English**.  
Location: St. Mark, Southwest Ranches. Register at: <https://conta.cc/3iyGahu>
- Saturday, June 10 & Sunday, June 11 (8:30am to 5:30pm) in **Spanish**.  
Location: San Isidro Catholic Church, Pompano Beach. Register at: <https://conta.cc/3YAbZpw>
- Saturday, Aug. 19 & Sunday, Aug. 20 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) in **English**.  
Location: St. Mark, Southwest Ranches. Register at: <https://conta.cc/3VHLJbt>

### **Natural Family Planning: Creighton Model Introductory Session**

Please join us for an introductory session of Natural Family Planning “Creighton Model” to prepare for your new marriage or for marriage enrichment and learn a medically safe, morally acceptable, and highly effective method of both postponing and achieving pregnancy.

- **Spanish Session:** April 25, 20223 at 7:30 pm (Online/Free)  
Register at: <https://conta.cc/3IG7lea>
- **English Session:** April 27, 2023 at 7:30 pm (Online/Free)  
Register at: <https://conta.cc/3membXc>

## OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

### **Archdiocese of Miami Job Fair**

Save the date for the Archdiocese of Miami Job Fair. This event will take place on Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Archbishop McCarthy High School, 5451 S. Flamingo Rd., Southwest Ranches.

Fishing for job opportunities? Bring your resume and meet dozens of hiring managers, including school principals.

Fishing for potential candidates to work at your church, school, or other archdiocesan entity? RSVP to [igmolina@theadom.org](mailto:igmolina@theadom.org) and reserve a table.

## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

### **Follow the Archdiocese of Miami on Social Media:**

Please include in your Parish Bulletin

 Facebook: [@ArchdioceseofMiami](https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofMiami) |  Twitter: [@CatholicMiami](https://twitter.com/CatholicMiami) |  Instagram: [@CatholicMiami](https://www.instagram.com/CatholicMiami)

### **Sunday Mass for shut-ins: online, on TV and on YouTube**

The greatest gift that you could give a sick or homebound person is to remind them that hearing God's word in livestreamed and recorded Masses is only a few clicks away. To watch the Mass in English or Spanish, visit [miamiarch.org](http://miamiarch.org) | Offices & Ministries | Communications | Television Mass; or watch the Spanish Masses on our YouTube channel, CatholicMiami. Mass recordings become available at 6 p.m. every Saturday through midnight Sunday, and a direct link is posted on the News Center on the home page of the archdiocesan website. Masses also are broadcast in Spanish on Univision 23 on Sundays at 6:30 a.m. Those who are homebound and would like a visit from an extraordinary minister of Communion should contact their parish office directly.

## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS (CONTINUED)

### **Beware of scammers**

The Archdiocese of Miami has heard reports of scammers impersonating Archbishop Thomas Wenski and some of our priests on Instagram and other platforms. If you, your friends, family, or parish staff receive a direct message from accounts impersonating Archbishop Wenski or one of our priests, please do not respond. Report the account immediately to the social media platform, and let us know someone impersonating Archbishop Wenski or one of our priests has tried to contact you.

### **Events**

#### **Called! Vocational Retreat**

The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary Religious Brothers and Priests invite young men ages 18-35 to a weekend retreat March 17-19 at the Land of the Pierced Hearts, 20505 SW 256 St., Homestead. The bilingual retreat will begin on Friday at 7:30 p.m. with the Eucharistic Cenacle and the retreat will be based on the four pillars of our spirituality: Eucharistic, Marian, open to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and in the Heart of the Church. Retreat is free. Room and meals provided. For more information, contact [brothersandpriests@piercedhearts.org](mailto:brothersandpriests@piercedhearts.org)